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As a below named inventors, I hereby declare that: Donald E. Helle, and Ernest W. Looman, Jr.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, **TIRE TREAD DIE** the specification of which (check one)

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_____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)(patented, pending, abandoned)

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As named inventor(s), I or we hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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